

Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for a period of debate on the concurrent resolution on the budget; that debate not exceed three hours; that two hours of such debate be confined to the congressional budget and be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget, and that one hour of such debate be on the subject of economic goals and policies and be equally divided and controlled by Representatives Saxton and Stark or their designees; that after such debate, the Committee of the Whole rise without motion; and that no further consideration of the concurrent resolution on the budget be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House. **Page H1086**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of March 26. **Page H1086**

Meeting Hour—Monday, March 26: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meeting on Monday, March 26 at 2 p.m. in pro forma session. **Page H1086**

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, March 27: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 26, it adjourn to meeting on Tuesday, March 27 at 12:30 p.m. for morning-hour debate. **Page H1086**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 28. **Page H1087**

International Child Abduction: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 69, expressing the sense of the Congress on the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and urging all Contracting States to the Convention to recommend the production of practice guides. **Pages H1087–88**

Agreed to the Chabot amendments to the text and preamble. **Page H1088**

North Atlantic Assembly: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Deutsch, Borski, Lantos, and Rush to the United States Group of the North Atlantic Assembly. **Page H1110**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1069–70, H1073–74, H1074, H1074–75, H1084–85, and H1085–86. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL FARM COMMODITY PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Continued hearings on Federal Farm Commodity Programs, with the livestock industry. Testimony was heard from Barb Determan, President, National Pork Producers Council; Cindy Siddoway, President, American Sheep Industry Association; Peggy Vining, Vice President, International Operations, Purdue Farms; and Wythe Willey, President-Elect, National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Hearings continue March 28.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Medical Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Paul K. Carlton, USAF; Vice Adm. Richard A. Nelson, USN; Lt. Gen. James B. Peake, USA; Dr. Jarrod Clinton, Acting Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; and Dr. James Sears, Executive Director, TRICARE Activity.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on Federal Highway Administration. Testimony was heard from Vincent F. Schimmoller, Deputy Executive Director, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation.

VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INNOVATIVE RESEARCH COMPANIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a hearing on Innovative Research Companies. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ELECTRICITY MARKETS: CALIFORNIA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality concluded oversight hearings

on Electricity Markets: California. Testimony was heard from William Keese, Chairman, Energy Commission, State of California; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL MEDICAL PRIVACY REGULATIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Assessing HIPAA: How Federal Medical Privacy Regulations Can Be Improved. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—TELEWORK POLICIES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement Policy held an oversight hearing on "Toward a Telework-Friendly Government Workplace: Successes and Impediments in Managing Federal Telework Policies." Testimony was heard from Steven Cohen, Acting Director, OPM; David L. Bibb, Acting Deputy Director, GSA; S. Mark Lindsey, Acting Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE FUNDING

Committee on House Administration: Ordered reported amended H. Res. 84, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Seventh Congress.

The Committee also considered other pending business.

OVERSIGHT—EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on Executive Orders and Presidential Directives. Testimony was heard from Representative Hansen; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on "ICANN, NEW gTLDs, and the Protection of Intellectual Property." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL LAND OIL AND GAS RESOURCE BASE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on Estimated Oil and Gas Resource Base on Federal Land and Submerged Land: How Much Oil and Gas can these Lands Produce? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: P. Patrick Leahy, Associate Director, Geology, U.S. Geological Survey; and Carolita Kallaur, Associate Director, Offshore Minerals Management, Minerals Management Service; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 107, amended, to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War; H.R. 146, Great Falls Historic District Study Act of 2001; H.R. 182, amended, Eight Mile River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2001; H.R. 581, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to use funds appropriated for wildland fire management in the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, to reimburse the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to facilitate the inter-agency cooperation required under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 in connection with wildland fire management; and H.R. 601, amended, to ensure the continued access of hunters to those Federal lands included within the boundaries of the Craters of the Moon National Monument in the State of Idaho pursuant to Presidential Proclamation 7373 of November 9, 2000, and to continue the applicability of the Taylor Grazing Act to the disposition of grazing fees arising from the use of such lands.

NUCLEAR SAFETY VIOLATIONS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing on H.R. 723, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to remove an exemption from civil penalties for nuclear safety violations by nonprofit institutions. Testimony was heard from Eric J. Fygi, Acting General Counsel, Department of Energy; Gary Jones, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

OFFICE OF ADVOCACY—EXPLORE WAYS TO IMPROVE

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing to explore ways to improve the Office of Advocacy and to make that Office a more effective voice for small business within the Federal Government and the Private sector. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MARRIAGE PENALTY AND FAMILY TAX RELIEF ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported amended H.R. 6, Marriage Penalty and Family Tax Relief Act of 2001.

Joint Meetings

VETERANS' PROGRAMS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee

on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of certain veterans organizations, after receiving testimony from William Schmidt, American Ex-Prisoners of War, George C. Duggins, Vietnam Veterans of America, Col. Robert F. Norton, USA (Ret.), The Retired Officers Association, Raymond Boland, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, and Arthur C. Stahl, AMVETS, all of Washington, D.C.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MARCH 23, 2001**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nomination of Richard Lee Armitage, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of State; and the nomination of Marc Isaiah Grossman, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs), Time to be announced, S-116, Capitol.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.